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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Attorneys General and Dept. of Justice,

I am writing to express my displeasure with Microsoft's settlement proposal. Clearly they intend to use this as another opportunity to expand their empire and squeeze rivals, namely Apple, out of the education market. Furthermore, I am sure the 1 billion dollar value they are quoting is retail value. That means their cost must be less than one-tenth of that. Wow, I bet they are terrified of having to pay that.

I thought the intent of this is to punish them. If so, then they should be required to give cash to let the schools choose whatever they want. Since they are accused of squeezing out competitors, it would be even more appropriate to require that the money be spent on competitor's products. Please do something about this.

I happen to like and use some Microsoft products, but I prefer to use a Mac rather than a Windows PC. I never thought breaking them up was a good idea but this settlement is pathetic. Don't let them drive Apple (others) out of business.

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